

McCormick's Creek Nature Center October Programs!

Nature Center Hours: 9:30 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. everyday

Program Meeting Places: Notes after program title. (NC= Nature Center.)

*Healthy Parks/Healthy People: Look for HP/HP on this schedule for a program to get "INShape" with us, and discover what it takes to keep a state park or reservoir healthy!

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 11:00 a.m. Bird Observation and I.D. (NC)—Meet in the bird observation area for a look at our backyard feeders, who's migrating through, and even some non-bird residents.
- 2:00 p.m. (HP/HP) Sensory Hike (NC)—Use all of your 6 senses, yes 6!



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 *FULL HARVEST MOON TONIGHT*

- 2:00 p.m. Moon Lore (NC)—Interesting facts about the guy in the sky.
- 8:00 p.m. Reflections on the Moon (Meet at Pine Bluff Shelter area)—Step away from the bright lights and into the light of the moon! Sit back and relax to a special talk and poems of the moon written and read by Indiana Poet Laureate Joyce Brinkman. Bring your own lawn chairs and blankets for an evening in the crisp, fresh night air.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 10:30 a.m. History and Change of McCormick's Creek (NC)—Slideshow presentation. Take a step back in time...
- 1:30 p.m. Nature's Bounty and Beauty (NC)—A hike to see fall flowers and wild edibles.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Songbird Connection (NC)—A free cup of coffee with more info.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 2:00 p.m. The Great Monarch Migration (NC)—Listen to the fascinating story of the Monarch Butterfly. It is one of only a few insects to make a long migration.



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

- 11:00 a.m. (HP/HP) Easy Tree I.d. (Meet at Canyon Inn front steps)—Walk around the parking area with a naturalist to learn a few of our tree-mendous trees.

FRIDAY THE 13TH

- 6:30 p.m. "Hey, how did you do that" MAGIC EXPERIMENTS! (NC)—The whole family is sure to enjoy being involved in a few magic experiments. Sorry, no one's disappearing.
- 8:00 p.m. Creatures of the Night: Superstitions and Myths (Meet at the Canyon Inn front steps)—Come on a NIGHT HIKE to uncover myth and reality about common night critters. Please dress appropriately. You don't need a flashlight.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14 *CELEBRATE CHANGES IN THE PARK*

- 10:00 a.m. (HP/HP) Fall Foliage Hike (NC)—The trees are in the spotlight this time of the year. Learn how to identify trees by leaf color and take a look at fruits and nuts.
- 1:00 p.m. Leaf Prints (NC)—Make one to remember your time at McCormick's Creek!
- 2:00 p.m. Sassafras Bead Jewelry (NC)—No need for perfume...make a necklace or bracelet using scented tree twigs.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

- 2:00 p.m. Carving Apple Monsters (NC)—Your little monsters will really enjoy this craft and it will be ready just in time for Halloween!

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 11:00 a.m. (HP/HP) Celebrate Change (NC)—Changes are happening everywhere, celebrate the changing seasons on this short walk.
- 2:00 p.m. For Goodness SNAKES (NC)—Meet our resident snakes...

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 11:00 a.m. (HP/HP) Sensory Hike (Meet at Canyon Inn front steps)—Have a better nature awareness by using all of your 6 senses, yes 6!
- 2:00 p.m. Make Leaf I.D. books (NC)—Get to know the trees & quiz yourself all winter long...
- 5:00 p.m. Twig Wreath Workshop (NC)—Work as a family to form a beautiful centerpiece. Cost is \$5/project. Pre-register at the Park Office (812)829-2235.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 9:30 a.m. (HP/HP) Easy Tree I.D. (NC)—some easy steps to identifying common trees.
- 11:00 a.m. Hammered Leaf Prints (NC)—Warm up this morning by hammering leaf prints for a unique bandana. One more way to remember your trees!
- 2:00 p.m. Corn Husk Figures (NC)—Make a traditional pioneer craft, join the naturalists at the outdoor program area... Cost is \$1/person. Tickets available at the NC.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 1:00 p.m. Nature Basket Workshop (NC)—Create a unique fall conversation piece using honeysuckle and basket reed. Recommended for older children and adults. Cost is \$5/project. Pre-register at the Park Office (812)829-2235.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 2:00 p.m. (HP/HP) Feeding Frenzy (NC)—Chipmunks, squirrels, birds, and more... at the bird observation room! Who's preparing for a long winter, how are they storing food?

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- 2:00 p.m. Frightful Winged Creatures (NC)— what spooks you? Can you tell myth from fact?

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

- 11:00 a.m. Go on a BAT WALK! (*Meet at Friendly Shelter/Trail 1)—Find out what it's like to be a bat...one of the only flying mammals!
- 2:00 p.m. Make a BAT MOBILE (NC)—Using sweet gum balls and sticks...



FRIDAY, OCT. 27 & SATURDAY, OCT. 28

See the **FALL-O-WEEN FESTIVAL** flyer for a list of family fun and spooky activities! Don't miss the live owl program, pumpkin carving, campsite decoration, haunted trail, and more!! Call the Nature Center at 812-829-4344 or visit us online at www.interpretiveservices.IN.gov for details about the event.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

- 11:00 a.m. Skulls and Bones (NC)—They don't have to be scary, learn more about identifying skulls and bones.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

- 11:00 a.m. Wildlife Walk (NC)—be a detective...look for evidence of animals on this short walk.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31 *HAPPY HALLOWEEN*

Visit with a naturalist today. Have a safe and spooky day!